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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE ACTING PREMIER, MR. CORCORAN.

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The S.A. Government has increased from 50% to 60% the proportion of water, sewerage and council rates which pensioners can have remitted.

The Acting Premier, Mr. Corcoran, said the increase would apply from 1.7.73.

It would add an estimated \$600,000 to the annual \$3 million cost of the Government's Pensioner Rate and Tax Remission Scheme.

Mr. Corcoran said the Government was anxious to ensure that pensioners continued to receive a real reduction in rates and taxes.

It had been concerned at the effect of property revaluations which in many instances had off-set the benefits of the remission scheme.

Mr. Corcoran said application for the additional remission was not necessary as the Engineering and Water Supply Department, which was responsible for the administration of the scheme, would arrange for details to be provided direct to the various rating authorities.

The previously determined maximum annual remissions of \$40 (Water Rates), \$40 (Sewer Rates), \$80 (Council Rates) and \$80 (Land Tax) would still apply.

Similarly the conditions of eligibility whereby pensioners must be in possession of Pensioner Medical Service Entitlement Cards issued by the Department of Social Security or Pensioner Concession Cards would still apply.